

July 13, 2018

Secretary Elaine L. Chao U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590 **United States**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing in support of Salt Lake City Corporation's application to the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) transportation discretionary grant for 300 West: Building a Complete, Safe, and Smart Street.

Utah Trucking Association is Utah's voice in trucking representing the interests of nearly 700 members truckers. 300 West is the primary delivery route for trucks delivering product to big box stores and national chain retailers such as Costco. Home Depot, Lowes, Sam's Club, Target, Walmart located on 300 West. The corridor's location directly east of I-15, 1-80, and State Route 201 make 300 West a primary route for truckers.

The proposed transportation infrastructure investments will decrease circulation conflicts between heavy freight, vehicular, and non-vehicular traffic and improve the movement of goods and people to the benefit of Utah's economy.

Please consider our agency's support of 300 West: Building a Complete, Safe, and Smart Street and the merits of the proposed improvements to 300 West in the BUILD transportation grant funding decision. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Richard A. Clasby.

Executive Director